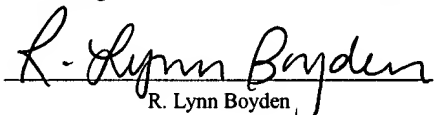


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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed October 2, 2000, examination on the merits of this application is respectfully requested in view of the following remarks.

REMARKS

Applicants provisionally elect to prosecute Group I (claims 1-6) with partial traverse. Groups I and II should be examined together. Furthermore, Groups III, IV, and V should be examined together as well.

The restriction requirement is premised on the preliminary classification of the pending claims. Claims of Group I and Group II are drawn to a composition and a method of use of the